

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure.

In addition the claims have been amended based on the following explanation:

*Claim 1:*

Adding "two [gripping means to grip a stump] arranged on opposite sides of the apparatus (50) to pivot around mainly parallel pivot axes (67)" is based e.g. on description page 8, lines 6-9, and on one part of original claim 11.

Adding "from 5 to 20" is based e.g. on description page 6, lines 9-13.

Adding "and/or under", is based e.g. on description page 11, lines 27-28; page 11, lines 27-28; page 14, lines 30-31; page 15, lines 19-22.

Adding "whereby the blades or spikes of one gripping means are arranged along a distance in the direction of its pivoting axis, which distance is no less than 400 mm" is based e.g. on original claim 12 and description page 8, lines 15-17.

Adding "cutting" is based on the fact that the term "cutting blade" is used of this blade elsewhere in the application, e.g. later in claim 1 as well as e.g. claims 2, 4, 5, 13 and 14.

*Claims 11 and 12:*

The features added in claim 1 are removed from claims 11 and 12.

*Claim 13:*

Features added to claim 1 are added to claim 13 also. The basis for these amendments is found in corresponding places.

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*Claim 19:*


Use claim 19 has been canceled.

Examination of the application based on these amendments is requested.

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